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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2008.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 8,10 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 8 and 17 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 10 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3.) Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08/20/08</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

Based on an indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8, 10-11, and 17, Applicant has amended each of claims 8, 10, and 17 to include the subject matter of claims 1, 1, and 13 respectively from which they had originally been dependent.

Of course, these claims had only been deemed allowable with respect to that permutation of the invention wherein the Lewis acid component was a boron halide as that had been the species elected in an earlier stage of prosecution. It is now necessary for the Examiner to evaluate the patentability of those embodiments of the claims for which the Lewis acid is a metal halide.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hao, WO 02/00784. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0149152 is being used as a faithful translation of this document into the English language. All citations of teaching location are those for the related U.S. document. Hao teaches a composition comprising silicon functional (co)polymers of which those containing trialkoxysilyl groups [0020] are exemplary, condensation catalyst of which organotin catalysts are preferred [0024], and a component (C). One permutation of component (C) is a metal salt hydrate and, relevant to the present discussion, metal halide hydrates are among the salts mentioned in [0026].

It is recognized that the metal halide hydrates represent only a small sampling of all the hydrates mentioned. However, whereas a genus does not always anticipate a claim to a species within the genus, when the species is clearly named, the species claim is anticipated no matter how many other species are additionally named. *Ex parte A*, 17 USPQ2d 1716 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1990) (The claimed compound was named in a reference which also disclosed 45 other compounds. The Board held that the comprehensiveness of the listing did not negate the fact that the compound claimed was specifically taught. The Board compared the facts to the situation in which the compound was found in the Merck Index, saying that “the tenth edition of the Merck Index lists ten thousand compounds. In our view, each and every one of those compounds is described’ as that term is used in 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), in that publication.”). Id. at 1718.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8 and 17 are allowable. There are any number of references that mention all three of these materials but never in the context of them all being mixed together.

As an aside, Applicant had furnished Chiba et al., U.S. Patent # 6,025,445 for the Examiner’s consideration. This reference was not regarded as being especially germane to the claims because all the silane-functional polymers described therein were required to have two or fewer hydrolysable moieties per silicon atom.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARC S. ZIMMER whose telephone number is (571)272-1096. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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